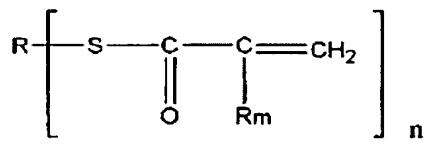
AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

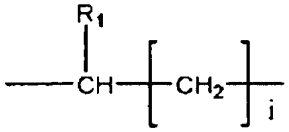
LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended): A composition comprising (a) a thio(meth)acrylate compound represented by the ~~general~~ formula (1) and (b) ultrafine inorganic particles:



(1)

wherein a linking (or connecting) group R ~~represents an aliphatic residue, an aromatic residue, an alicyclic residue or a heterocyclic residue or an aliphatic residue having an oxygen atom, a sulfur atom, an aromatic ring, an aliphatic ring, or a heterocycle in the chain;~~ represents one of the formulae (2), (3), (5) and (6):



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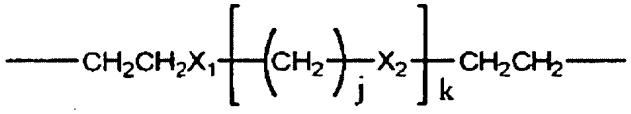

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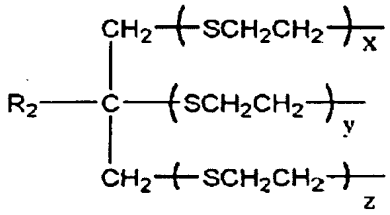

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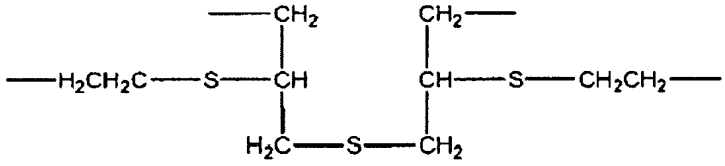


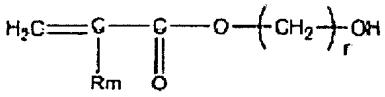
(6)

R_m represents each independently a hydrogen atom or a methyl group; ~~and~~ n is an integer of ~~1~~ 2 to 4; R_1 is a hydrogen atom or a methyl group; R_2 represents a hydrogen atom, a methyl group or an ethyl group; X_1 and X_2 represent oxygen atoms or sulfur atoms; i is an integer of 1 to 5; j is an integer of 0 to 2; and k, x, y and z are each independently 0 or 1.

2. (Canceled).

3. (Currently Amended): The composition according to claim ~~2~~ 1, further comprising (c) a (meth)acrylate compound having a (thio)urethane bond.

4. (Currently Amended): The composition according to claim 3, further comprising (d) one or more hydroxyl group-containing (meth)acrylate compounds represented by the ~~general~~ formulae (7) to (10) and (e) a β-diketone compound represented by the ~~general~~ formula (11):



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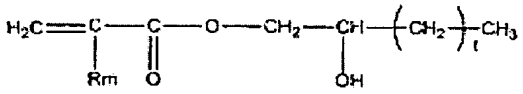

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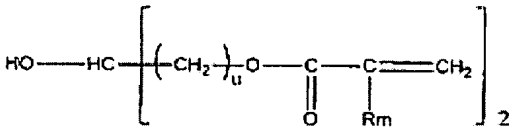

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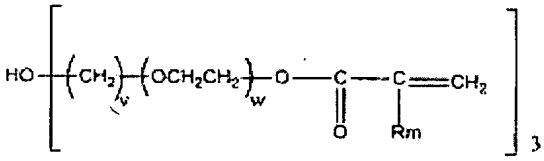
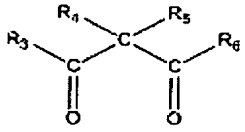


(10)

wherein R_m represents a hydrogen atom or a methyl group; r and t are each an integer of 1 to 4; u is each independently an integer of 1 to 4; v is each independently an integer of 1 to 4; w is each independently an integer of 0 to 4:



(11)

wherein R_4 and R_5 represent hydrogen atoms or such ones that one is a hydrogen atom and another is a straight chain or branched C_1 to C_4 alkyl group; R_3 and R_6 represent hydrogen atoms or each independently a hydrogen atom, a C_1 to C_4 alkyl group, a hydroxyl group, an aliphatic residue, an aromatic residue, an alicyclic residue, a heterocyclic residue, or C_1 to C_6 alkyl group containing one or more ether groups, ester groups, thioester groups or ketone groups in the chain structure; or R_3 and R_5 may be combined together to form C_5 to C_{10} rings which may be substituted with one or more C_2 to C_4 alkylene groups.

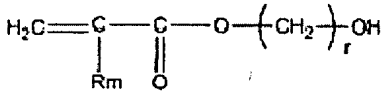
5. (Currently Amended): The composition according to claim 4, wherein a ~~curing~~ layer of the composition having a thickness of 2 μm ~~thickness~~ that ~~the composition~~ is coated on the surface of a resin plate having a thiourethane bond or an epithiosulfide bond and then cured with ultraviolet rays has (1) an evaluation score of a cross-hatch, tape-peeling test (JIS-K5400) of 6 or more; and (2) a pencil scratch test value (JIS-K5400) of 3H or more.

6. (Previously Presented): A coating composition comprising the composition as described in claim 5.

7. (Previously Presented): An optical material comprising the composition as described in claim 5.

8. (Previously Presented) The composition according to claim 1, further comprising (c) a (meth)acrylate compound having a (thio)urethane bond.

9. (Currently Amended): The composition according to claim 1, further comprising (d) one or more hydroxyl group-containing (meth)acrylate compounds represented by the ~~general~~ formulae (7) to (10) and (e) a β-diketone compound represented by the ~~general~~ formula (11):



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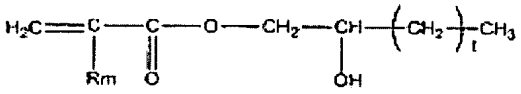

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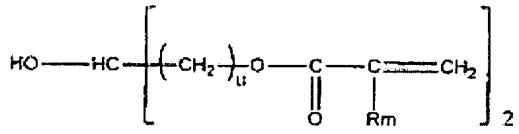

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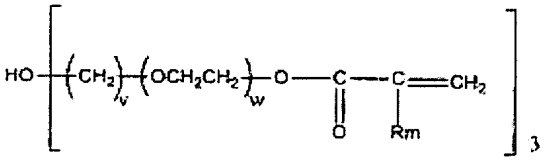

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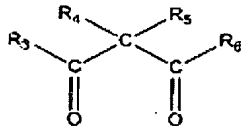

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10. (Currently Amended): The composition according to claim 1, wherein a ~~curing~~ layer of the composition having a thickness of 2 μm ~~thickness~~ that ~~the composition~~ is coated on the surface of a resin plate having a thiourethane bond or an epithiosulfide bond and then cured with ultraviolet rays has (1) an evaluation score of a cross-hatch, tape-peeling test (JIS-K5400) of 6 or more; and (2) a pencil scratch test value (JIS-K5400) of 3H or more.

11. (Previously Presented): A coating composition comprising the composition as described in claim 1.

12. (Previously Presented): An optical material comprising the composition as described in claim 1.